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Die Veneris, 26. Iuny, 1645.

Whereas divers men who have
been lately Levied and Im-
prest for Souldiers with-
in the severall Counties of
Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Suffex,
Surry, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hertford, Hunting-
ton, Isle of Ely, Cambridge, Bedford, and
within the Cities of London, Westmin-
ster,

ster, Norwich and Canterbury, for the Recruiting of the Army under the Command of Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX, after such time as they have received prest money, daily run away and depart from their Colours, to the great prejudice of the publique service; And unlesse some timely course be taken therein, it may encourage others, that are necessary to be imprested for the service of that Army to do the like, for the due punishment of such as have, or shall hereafter run away, being Imprested for that Army, and that execution may be done within the severall Counties and Cities before mentioned to the terrour of all others.

It is Ordained, and be it Ordained by the Lord and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that the respective Committees of the said Cities and Counties, or any twelve or more of them respectively, upon complaint made or notice given by any of their own company, or by any others, of any person that having

being been imprested to serve the Parlia-
ment, by virtue of and according to the
Ordinance of Parliament in that behalf
made, That after his being so Imprested
run away, the said Committees or any
twelve or more of them respectively shal
have power, and are hereby authoris'd to
examine, hear, and determine the said Of-
fences within the Cities and Countie
respectively; And upon proof of any
such offence by two witnesses upon Oath
to proceed to the condemnation and exe-
cution of all such person and persons as
shall offend, as aforesaid; & to inflict up-
on them such punishment, either by death
or otherwise corporally, according to the
Laws, Articles, and Ordinances of War
now in force, by approbation of both Hou-
ses of Parliament, and according to such
further instructions as they shall receive
from both Houses of Parliament, as the
said respective Committees, or the major
part of them there present shall adjudge
to appertain to Justice. And the said re-
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pective Committees, or any 12 or more of them; are hereby likewise Authorised to minister corporall Oaths to all witnesses, and them to examine upon Oath, either before, or at the Tryalls, as the cases may require; And the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, are hereby enabled to send their Warrants for any Delinquents, or Witnesses, the said Witnesses not being Peers of this Realm, nor Assistants nor Officers of the House of Peers, nor Members, nor Officers of the House of Commons, into any place whatsoever, and Commit to Prison all such as shall be refractory or misbehave themselves. And the said respective Committees, are hereby enjoined to proceed with all diligence in putting this Ordinance in execution.

And it is hereby further Ordained, That all Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Iustices of Peace, and other inferior Officers whatsoever, shall be aiding and assisting to the said Committees in the execution
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of the premisses, and that the said Commissioners and every of them, and all and every other person and persons that shal be aiding and assisting to them in the execution of the premisses, shalbe protected and for ever saved harmlesse by the Authority and power of both Houses of Parliament.

And it is lastly provided, that this present Ordinance, and the authority hereby given, shall indure and have continuance for six Moneths from the making hereof and no longer.

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